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RE: Finance Docket No. 35116. RJ Corman Railroad Co., Beech Creek Branch Line
Construction and Operation - between Wallaceton and Gorton, Pennsylvania;
Preliminary Consultation

Dear Ms, Rutson:

Although you are not soliciting public comment at this time, I feel it is important that you know the above referenced request will serve a project that has encountered serious obstacles and fierce opposition. [believe any further study of this request is premature and wasteful of taxpayer funded resources. Consider the following;

- The application for the landfill this rail line would serve has been suspended since October 2006,

- 1 The application for the quarry was deemed deficient in May 2007.
- 2 There is no formal application submitted for a biofuels plant.
- 3 There are four federal agencies on record that have identified environmental issues of concern regarding the project that would be served by this rail line.

If you continue to proceed with this RJ Corman request, it is imperative a full environmental impact statement be prepared in order to assess the environmental impact of this proposal and

the project it will serve. I strongly oppose the reactivation of the railroad from Wallacetown to Gorton. This whole area has been a great recreation spot and boost to the local economy and has been taken care of by many locally funded recreational organizations. I feel the statements above are true and accurate and should be considered greatly, especially when considering the environmental impact to the local area.

Respectfully,

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Please sign and date or mail this letter. It is critical that you let the decision makers know how you decide this project. ^ SILENCE IS THE SAME AS APPROVAL